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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Midland District

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Midland District Agricultural Society

Held their Adjourned Meeting at Bath, on Tuesday the 25th July, 1837, when the following CONSTITUTION was agreed upon.

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the first Session of the Provincial Parliament for the encouragement of Agriculture, in which it is provided that whenever the sum of twenty-five pounds or upwards shall have been raised by Subscriptions, by Agricultural Societies in any District, a bounty of double the sum actually subscribed and paid shall be allowed by Government: Wherefore to assist in carrying more fully into effect the judicious views of the Legislature for the general improvement of the Province, the Society heretofore established and designated by the name of the Midland District Agricultural Society, be and is hereby continued by the name and designation of **THE MIDLAND DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**, conformably to the following

Rules and Regulations.

1st. That the affairs of this Society shall be conducted by a General Board, composed of the President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer, together with the Vice Presidents and Directors of County Boards, to be chosen once a year from among the members at their general Annual Meeting, to be held at Bath on the first Tuesday in May in each and every year.

2d. The General Board of Directors, either by order of the President, or upon a requisition made by any three members of the Board, to the Recording Secretary in writing, shall, at any time after their election, meet at such times and places as may be deemed expedient, any four of whom, together with the President, or in his absence one of the Vice Presidents, shall form a quorum to do business. The Vice Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurer shall be ex-officio Directors. All questions shall be decided by a majority of votes, and in case of an equal division upon any question discussed at such meetings, the presiding officer shall have a casting vote.

3d. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to give notice of all meetings of the General Board, called by the President, or upon the requisition of any three Directors, giving

at least ten days' previous notice thereof in one or more of the newspapers of the District. He shall also keep regular minutes of the proceedings of each meeting in a book provided for the purpose. The Corresponding Secretary will communicate with and forward to the Secretaries of other Agricultural Societies within the Province, or elsewhere, if required, the Rules and Regulations of the Society, and such other information respecting its proceedings as shall from time to time be thought advisable by the General Board expressed to that officer at any of its meetings.

4th. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and pay all monies belonging to the Society under the direction of the General Board, and to furnish a regular account of the same at the General Annual Meeting of the Society, or whenever called upon at any meeting of the General Board.

5th. The whole of the money received from Government conformably to the existing Statute, and also all subscriptions obtained within the Town of Kingston, shall be under the control and at the disposal of the General Board, to be by it exclusively appropriated to objects connected with the Institution, in conformity with its Rules and the Act of the Legislature.

6th. County Boards shall be established, consisting of two Vice Presidents and seven Directors, with authority to choose their County Treasurer and Secretary, to collect and appropriate the sums subscribed within their respective Counties, to appoint Cattle Shows, Ploughing Matches, Inspection of Farms and Crops, and to award Premiums to successful competitors to any amount not exceeding the sum subscribed within the County. One of the Vice Presidents, or in the absence of a Vice President, one of the Directors shall preside at their meetings. Those County Boards shall also have the right to make and ordain their own Bye-Laws, provided these are not inconsistent with the existing Statute, and the General Rules and Regulations of the District Society, to whose Secretary a copy of their Bye-Laws shall be transmitted.

7th. That there may be no disappointment of the hopes entertained by the Legislature in the improvement of Agriculture throughout the Province, it is needful that the several Branch Societies in the District be supported with that degree of steadiness and zeal which the subject merits by all those whose interests are more immediately promoted by it, viz. "the farmers," who, with the friends to Agricultural im-

provements, will compose the members. A Subscription of **TEN SHILLINGS** per annum shall constitute a member. The General Board may also nominate officers of other Agricultural Societies and individuals who have by their writings or otherwise contributed to the improvement of agriculture, to be honorary members of this Society.

8th. The Directors residing in the several Townships shall receive the subscriptions for their respective counties, and pay over the same to their County Treasurer, who shall transmit the amount so paid to the District Treasurer, with a list of the subscribers, on or before the 25th day of August in each year. Persons who do not pay their subscriptions on or before the third Monday in August in each year, cannot be admitted as members for that year.

9th. The District Treasurer shall make up a Return of the sums subscribed and paid by the different Counties on or before the 1st day of September in each year, and deliver the said Return to the President in the form prescribed by law.

10th. The President shall sign his approval to the Return, and forthwith make his application for the Government Bounty, to be applied conformably to Rule 5th.

11th. Besides the Cattle Shows, Ploughing Matches, and Inspection of Crops, made and appointed under the direction of the County Boards, there shall be annually one District Show, at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the General Board, to be under the management and direction of the General Board, and where successful competitors at the County Show will have the privilege of entering the same stock as competitors for a District Prize.

12th. At all exhibitions three Judges shall be required to award premiums; these Judges to be members of the Society but not competitors.

13th. The names of successful candidates, and the premiums they have received, and for what received, together with the proceedings of each meeting, whether of the County or of the District Boards, shall be published in the newspapers, under the superintendence of the Recording Secretary to the Society.

14th. As soon as it may be found practicable, a Library shall be formed for the use of the Society, to consist of the most approved and useful works on agriculture and domestic economy. Donations of Books suitable to such Library shall be received with due acknowledgment by the General Board.

15th. Written communications addressed to the Corres-

pending Secretary of the Society, relative to Agricultural subjects, or to the Statistics of the District, shall be thankfully acknowledged, and if found to possess merit, shall be appended to the Annual Report of the Society.

16th. These Rules and Regulations shall not be altered or amended except at General Meetings of the Society.

After the Constitution was amended and approved of, the following resolutions were adopted :

Moved by Alexr. Pringle, Esq. seconded by Isaac Fraser, Esq.

Resolved, That Wm. Holditch, Esq. be appointed Recording Secretary to the Society for the present year.

Moved by Mr. Marks, seconded by Mr. Detlor,

Resolved, That Alexr. Pringle, Esq. be appointed Corresponding Secretary to the Society.

Moved by Isaac Fraser, Esq. seconded by G. H. Detlor, Esq.

Resolved, That the Secretaries of this Society be re-im-bursed for all incidental expenses that they may incur in the execution of their office.

Moved by Alexr. Pringle, Esq. and seconded by Isaac Fraser, Esq.

Resolved, That with the view of encouraging useful experiments, and of ascertaining more accurately the real value of such experiments, whether in the raising of stock, or in the cultivation of the soil, competitors for premiums shall, previous to any Agricultural Show or Inspection of Crops, intimate in writing to the Secretary of the Society, their intention to compete ; and at the same time specify the description of stock which they intend to exhibit, and the kind of produce which they intend to submit for inspection.

Moved by Alexr. Pringle, Esq. and seconded by Isaac Fraser, Esq.

Resolved, That on the application for the entry of any description of stock at any County or District Show, the application must be accompanied by an authenticated statement of the age and pedigree of the animal so to be entered, the manner in which it has been fed, the value and quantity of food it has consumed ; and it will also be gratifying to the Society to receive any observations from competitors, showing the comparative superiority of one mode of treatment over

another, so as to exhibit the greatest improvement at the least expense.

Moved by Alexr. Pringle, Esq. and seconded by Isaac Fraser, Esq.

Resolved, That every competitor for a premium on the best cultivated field or farm, shall, previous to the inspection of the same by any committee appointed for that purpose, deliver to such committee a written statement, as nearly as may be, of the number of years since such field or farm was first cleared, the quantity and value per acre of the three previous crops, with an account of expenditure and income for each successive year.

Mr. Pringle also submitted a scheme of management for the more efficient expenditure of statute labor, and for laying out and keeping in repair the highways and roads in each Township in this Province, which document was referred to a committee, consisting of Messrs. Pringle, Fraser, Clarke and Church, to consider and report thereon at the next general meeting.

Moved by the President, and seconded by Isaac Fraser, Esq.

Resolved, that the Corresponding Secretary be directed to acknowledge the receipt of the communication of Major Lachlan, President of the Western District Agricultural and Horticultural Society, of the 14th May, 1837, with the thanks of this Society for the honor conferred upon its officers, and to request that the same officers in their Society be, and are hereby invited to become Honorary Members of the Midland District Agricultural Society, and that a printed copy of the Constitution of this Society be transmitted to the Secretary of the Western District Agricultural and Horticultural Society.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1837.

DISTRICT OFFICERS.

JOHN MARKS, Esq. *President.*

D. J. SMITH, Esq. *Treasurer.*

WM. HOLDITCH, Esq. *Recording Secretary.*

ALEXR. PRINGLE, Esq. *Corresponding Secretary.*

COUNTY SOCIETIES.

COUNTY OF FRONTENAC.

WM. LOGIE, Esq.,
WM. HOLDITCH, Esq. } *Vice Presidents.*

DIRECTORS.—James Mathewson, Esq. Albert McMichael, W. Simkins, Robert Gibson, John Strange, Alexr. Cowan, and Robert Beith.

COUNTY OF LENOX.

ALLAN McPHERSON, Esq.
JOHN CHURCH, Esq. } *Vice Presidents.*

DIRECTORS.—Arch'd Campbell, P. J. Roblin, John Davy, Doctor Allan, Alex'r Edgar, P. Chambers, G. H. Detlor.

COUNTY OF ADDINGTON.

PETER DAVY, Esq.
MR. NATHAN FELLOWS, } *Vice Presidents.*

DIRECTORS.—John Gordanier, William Batt, Samuel Millar, Wm. McGillivray, Michael Asselstine, Samuel Clark, Wm. Bell.

The Counties of Lenox & Addington to have one or two Societies, as they may decide themselves.

WM. HOLDITCH, Secretary.

JOHN MARKS, President.

Bath, 25th July, 1837.

SUBSCRIPTION LIST

Of the Members of the Midland District Agricultural
Society for 1837.

COUNTY OF FRONTENAC. TOWN OF KINGSTON.

			£	s.	d.
Bruce, Joseph	-	-		10	0
Bryce, J. D.	-	-		10	0
Bullock, Richard	-	-		10	0
Boyes, John	-	-		10	0
Cartwright, John S.	-	-	1	10	0
Cartwright, Rev. R.	-	-		10	0
Cassady, Henry	-	-		10	0
Counter, John	-	-		10	0
Forsyth, John R.	-	-		10	0
Friends,	-	-		12	6
Gildersleeve, Henry	-	-		10	0
Grier, Thomas	-	-		10	0
Harper, F. A.	-	-	1	0	0
Hill, F. M.	-	-		10	0
Herchmer, Rev. Wm.	-	-		10	0
Kirby, Hon. John	-	-	1	0	0
Kirkpatrick, Thomas	-	-		10	0
Linton, James	-	-		10	0
McDonell, Hon. and Rt. Rev. Alex.	-	-	1	0	0
McNabb, Alex.	-	-		12	6
Mowat, John	-	-		10	0
Millar, Colin	-	-		10	0
Pringle, Alexander	-	-	1	0	0
Sampson, James	-	-	1	5	0
Smith, D. J.	-	-	1	0	0
Saunders, R. W.	-	-		15	0
Stuart, Ven. Archdeacon	-	-		15	0
Scobell, Richard	-	-		10	0
Strange, John	-	-		10	0
Truax, Abraham	-	-		10	0
Williamson, James	-	-		10	0
Wilson, William	-	-		10	0
Yarker, G. W.	-	-	1	0	0
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DONATIONS.

			£	s.	d.
Armstrong, E. W.	-	-	5	0	
Burke, William	-	-	5	0	
Baker, George	-	-	5	0	
Boltie, Henry	-	-	5	0	
Bamford, Thomas	-	-	5	0	
Dawe, William	-	-	5	0	
Drummond, Andrew	-	-	5	0	
Fraser, James	-	-	5	0	
Hardy, E. W.	-	-	5	0	
Heath, Charles	-	-	5	0	
Irons, S. A.	-	-	5	0	
Lance, John	-	-	5	0	
Murray, John	-	-	5	0	
McManaman, Patrick	-	-	5	0	
McIntosh, William	-	-	5	0	
McNider, Thomas	-	-	5	0	
McManaman, John	-	-	5	0	
McDonell, James	-	-	5	0	
Morley, Samuel	-	-	5	0	
Mayo, Henry	-	-	5	0	
Nickalls, James, Jun.	-	-	5	0	
Phillips, Barton	-	-	5	0	
Rose, R. M.	-	-	5	0	
Rorke, Matthew	-	-	5	0	
Reitter, Jacob	-	-	5	0	
Smith, Thomas	-	-	5	0	
Smith, Henry, Jun.	-	-	5	0	
Shaw, Samuel	-	-	5	0	
Sloan, John	-	-	5	0	
Tolbert, Robert	-	-	5	0	
Willard, Charles	-	-	5	0	
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TOWNSHIP OF KINGSTON.

Beith, Robert	-	-	10	0	
Campbell, Joseph	(Donation)	-	5	0	
Fair, William	-	-	10	0	
Gibson, Robert	-	-	10	0	
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Carried over,			1	15	0

		£	s.	d.
Brought forward,		1	15	0
Kendall, John	-		10	0
Lamb, Robert	-		10	0
McMichael, Albert	-		10	0
McMillan, Archd.	-		10	0
McRory, Wesley	-		10	0
Spooner, Reuben	-		10	0
Snook, Tunis	-		10	0
Thibido, Augustus	-		10	0
Vanalstine, Lambert	-		10	0
Yeomans, H.	-		10	0

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TOWNSHIP OF PITTSBURGH.

Baddely, F. H.	-		10	0
Cowan, Alex. Sen.	-		10	0
Cowan, Alex. Jun.	-		10	0
Cowan, John, Sen.	-		10	0
Chesnut, Samuel	-		10	0
Ferguson, William	-		10	0
Ford, L. S. (Donation)	-		5	0
Logie, Major	-	1	0	0
Marks, John	-	1	5	0
McIntyre, Archd.	-		10	0
Rice, Thomas	-		10	0
Russell, James	-		10	0
Strachan, John	-		10	0
Strachan, George	-		10	0
Stark, Alexander	-		10	0

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TOWNSHIPS OF LOUGHBOROUGH AND PORTLAND.

Dennison, Thomas	-		10	0
Holditch, Wm.	-	1	0	0
Simpkins, William	-		10	0
Willoby, Anthony	-		10	0

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COUNTY OF LENOX.

Benson, John	-		10	0
Cartwright, J. S.	-	2	10	0
Coulson, George	-		10	0

 Carried over, 3 10 0

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward,	3	10	0
Campbell, Alex.	-	10	0
Granger, William	-	10	0
Kay, Enoch	-	10	0
McPherson, Allan	-	15	0
Oliver, F. A.	-	10	0
Pringle, Daniel	-	10	0
Pepper, G. W.	-	10	0
Pinny, Joel	-	10	0
Ramsay, T.	-	10	0
Stuart, D. & Co.	-	10	0
Schermehorn, Amos	-	10	0
Tuttle, Bradford	-	10	0
Wall, Robert	-	10	0
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DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Armstrong, Lancelot	-	5	0
Bowen, Thomas	-	5	0
Cramer, C. G.	-	5	0
Chamberlain, J. P.	-	5	0
Kimmerly, Garrat	-	2	6
Margach, A. W.	-	5	0
Pringle, John D.	-	5	0
Roblin, D.	-	7	6
Tanner, William	-	5	0
Thompson, Alex.	-	5	0

	2	10	0
Subscriptions in County of Lenox,	10	5	0
do. do. Frontenac,	39	5	0
Donations do. do.	8	5	0
Total,	60	5	0

DAVID JOHN SMITH,
TREASURER.

Kingston, Sept. 1, 1837.

